

# Ad Hoc Water Quality Working Group

## November 16, 2009

### Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Working Group Members – Diane Cameron, Mark Pfefferle, Keith Levchenko, Steve Shofar, John Cook, Rick Brush, Dusty Rood, Carl Elefante  
Guests – Mary Dolan, Claire Islie, Bob Harris, Jim Soltesz, Michael McCann, Amy Quant, Sharon Dooley, Susan Buffone, Bob Egan, Nancy Aldous  
Staff – Joyce Fuhrmann  
Members Absent: Rich Thometz, Irene Carrato

Joyce Fuhrmann welcomed everyone to the second meeting of the Ad Hoc Water Quality Working Group. The group members and guests introduced themselves. Joyce Fuhrmann announced that Keith Van Ness was unable to present to the group as planned due to illness and that his presentation will be rescheduled as soon as possible.

The group turned to Administrative items, first discussing the best meeting days and times going forward. It was decided that the next meetings will be on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, December 16<sup>th</sup>, and January 6<sup>th</sup> all at 9AM. The group recognized there may be a need to add some meetings in between in order to cover all issues adequately. The group also recognized there might be a need to deviate from the Wednesday morning meeting schedule to accommodate speakers' schedules. Requests were made for assistance with parking accommodations for group members. Joyce Fuhrmann will look into this. Diane Cameron requested contact information for all group members be sent to the group.

The members moved on to a discussion of the Chairmanship for the group. Joyce Fuhrmann indicated that it was up to the group to elect a chairperson if they so chose, or alternatively could choose to have a facilitator with no formal chair. After much discussion, the group decided to have co-chairs. Diane Cameron and Carl Elefante were selected to be co-chairs by the group members present.

Joyce Fuhrmann then circulated a draft work plan based on feedback received from group members and other interested individuals for the group's consideration. (Note: The Draft 1.0 for Discussion is appended at the end of these minutes.) The changes and additions agreed to by the group include:

- an additional bullet to reflect #7 of the council's resolution 16-1149 pertaining to land cover requirements in other SPAs;
- an additional item under the Background section to include an overview of the state of the watershed now – including the Ag parcels;
- specific mention in the Regulations section of a review of new storm water management and sediment control requirements;
- ensuring that the review of the Regulations encompasses all perspectives and interpretations;

- an additional discussion at the conclusion of the series of meetings to review the individual properties within Stage 4 and how the information learned to that point will apply to each;
- inviting Rose Krasnow to give a presentation of the Development Review Process and what is required at various points relating to water quality.

The group discussed the 'Point for Discussion' questions at the end of the work plan and agreed to look at the Regulation and Best Management Practices sections within the framework of Pre-construction; Construction and Post-construction.

There was additional discussion about gathering relevant data. Diane Cameron has some peer reviewed journal articles that she will forward for the group's benefit. Mary Dolan offered the use of GIS at a future meeting if that is deemed helpful by the group.

The co-chairs will work with Joyce Fuhrmann to get the next draft of the work plan out to all group members by the end of the week.

## **Ad Hoc Water Quality Working Group Work Plan**

### **DRAFT 1.0 for Discussion on 11/16/09**

In its Resolution creating the Working Group, the Council requested that the group

- Study the findings of the 2007 Special Protection Area Annual Report related to Clarksburg
- Collect information on all new and pending State and Federal regulations regarding water quality, stormwater management, and sediment control
- Analyze how these new requirements will impact future development in Clarksburg, especially in Stage 4
- Develop recommendations to improve development procedures to ensure minimal impact on water quality.

### **Background (meetings 1-3)**

Review findings of 2007 SPA Report (received briefing by Mary Dolan)

Review current conditions for Ten Mile Creek (Keith Van Ness)

Review approved or already in use water quality technologies that effect Ten Mile Creek

### **Regulations (meetings 4-5)**

Review new State and Federal Regulations pertaining to water quality

Suggested speakers: Rick Brush; Representative from MDE or Ron Klauda, DNR

Compare and contrast current requirements for properties within Ten Mile Creek

Watershed with new regulations

### **Other Best Management Practices (meetings 6-8)**

Discuss other new technologies that may not yet be required by local, state or federal regulations that might be beneficial to Ten Mile Creek.

Examine BMPs from other comparable jurisdictions.

Review current literature on BMPs and emerging technologies.

Suggested speakers: Tom Schueuler, Scott Goetz, Stuart Schwartz

Rain for Rent, others with hands-on experience in new technologies

Discuss BMPs regarding land use and planning, such as environmentally sensitive design and low impact development.

Suggested speaker: Peg Staeheli

### ***Point for Discussion***

Could each of these groups be broken into Pre-construction, Construction and Post Construction phases? Or, could we look at the above topics in the context of the construction phases?

